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Amendments to the Claims:

Please add new claims 18 - 76 as follows:

18. A system comprising:
a television tuner that supplies video signals to a video display; and
a processor configured to block the television tuner from supplying video signals of television programs that meet one or more user selected program content rating criteria to the video display;
said processor being further configured to allow a user to override the blocking of the video signals of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria until the system is shut off.
19. The system of claim 18 wherein the one or more user selected program content rating criteria comprise a first plurality of program content rating criteria.
20. The system of claim 19 wherein the processor is configured to override the blocking of a second plurality of the first plurality of program content rating criteria.
21. The system of claim 18 wherein the processor is configured to override the blocking of the display of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria if the user enters a predetermined code.
22. The system of claim 18 further comprising:
a memory in which is stored television program schedule information including program titles for a plurality of television programs;
wherein the processor is configured to block the television tuner based on the television schedule information stored in the memory.

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23. The system of claim 18 further comprises a filter wherein the processor is configured to block the television tuner by controlling the operation of the filter.
24. A system comprising:
a television tuner that supplies video signals to a video display; and
a processor configured to block the television tuner from supplying video signals of television programs that meet one or more of a first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria to the video display;
said processor being further configured to allow a user to override a second plurality of user selected blocking criteria of the first plurality of user selected blocking criteria from being used to block the display of television programs that meet one or more of the second plurality of user selected program blocking criteria until the system is shut off.
25. The system of claim 24 wherein the second plurality of user selected program blocking criteria comprises the first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria.
26. The system of claim 24 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises ratings criteria.
27. The system of claim 24 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises channels.
28. The system of claim 24 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time and channel.
29. The system of claim 24 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time, channel and length.
30. The system of claim 24 further comprising:
a memory in which is stored television program schedule information including program titles for a plurality of television programs;
wherein processor is configured to block the television tuner based on comparisons between the user selected blocking criteria and the television schedule information stored in the memory.

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31. The system of claim 24 wherein the processor is configured to override the blocking of the display of television programs that meet the second plurality of user selected blocking criteria if the user enters a predetermined code.
32. The system of claim 24 further comprises a filter wherein the processor is configured to block the television tuner by controlling the operation of the filter.
33. A system comprising:
one or more memories that store television program schedule information for a plurality of television programs and one or more viewing restrictions;
a display generator that supplies signals for a display of information for at least one of the television programs from the program schedule information to a video display; and
a processor configured to accept selections of displayed television program information, determine if one or more of the viewing restrictions is met for the selected television program and block the display of the selected television program based on the determination;
said processor being further configured to allow a user to override the blocking of the display of television programs based on one or more of the viewing restrictions and subsequently allowing the user to restore the blocking of the display of television programs based on the overridden viewing restrictions.
34. The system of claim 33 wherein processor is configured to subsequently allow the user to restore the blocking of the display of television programs by the system being shut off.
35. The system of claim 33 wherein processor is configured to subsequently allow the user to restore the blocking of the display of television programs by pressing one or more predetermined button on control.

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36. The system of claim 33 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise one or more television programs selected by a user.
37. The system of claim 33 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise program content rating criteria.
38. The system of claim 33 wherein the processor is configured to override the blocking of the display of television programs if the user enters a predetermined code.
39. A system comprising:
means for supplying selective video signals to a video display; and
means for blocking the means for supplying from supplying video signals of television programs that meet one or more user selected program content rating criteria to the video display; and
means for overriding the blocking by the means for blocking of the video signals of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria until the system is shut off.
40. The system of claim 39 wherein the one or more user selected program content rating criteria comprise a first plurality of program content rating criteria.
41. The system of claim 40 wherein the means for overriding further comprise means for the blocking of a second plurality of the first plurality of program content rating criteria.
42. The system of claim 39 wherein the means for overriding further comprises means for overriding the blocking of the display of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria if a user enters a predetermined code.
43. The system of claim 39 further comprising:
means for storing television program schedule information including program titles for a plurality of television programs;

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wherein the means for blocking blocks the means for supplying based on the television schedule information stored in the memory.

44. A system comprising:

means for supplying selective video signals to a video display;

means for blocking the means for supplying from supplying video signals to the video display of television programs that meet one or more of a first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria; and

means for overriding the blocking by the means for blocking of the video signal of television programs that meet a second plurality of user selected blocking criteria of the first plurality of user selected blocking criteria from being used to block the display of television programs until the system is shut off.

45. The system of claim 44 wherein the second plurality of user selected program blocking criteria comprises the first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria.

46. The system of claim 44 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises ratings criteria.

47. The system of claim 44 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises channels.

48. The system of claim 44 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time and channel.

49. The system of claim 44 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time, channel and length.

50. The system of claim 44 further comprising:

means for storing television program schedule information including program titles for a plurality of television programs;

wherein the means for blocking blocks the means for supplying based on the television schedule information stored in the memory.

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51. The system of claim 44 wherein the means for overriding blocking the display of television programs that meet the second plurality of user selected program content rating criteria if a user enters a predetermined code.
52. A system comprising:
means for storing television program schedule information for a plurality of television programs and one or more viewing restrictions;
means for generating a display of information for at least one of the television programs from the program schedule information for display on a video display;
means for accepting selections of displayed television program information, determining if one or more of the viewing restrictions is met for the selected television program and blocking the display of the selected television program based on the determination; and
means for overriding the blocking of the display of television programs based on one or more of the viewing restrictions and subsequently allowing the user to restore the blocking of the display of television programs based on the overridden viewing restrictions.
53. The system of claim 52 wherein the means for overriding further subsequently allows the restoration of the blocking of the display of television programs by the system being shut off.
54. The system of claim 52 wherein the means for overriding further subsequently allows the restoration of the blocking of the display of television programs by pressing one or more predetermined button on control.
55. The system of claim 52 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise one or more television programs selected by a user.
56. The system of claim 52 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise program content rating criteria.

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57. The system of claim 52 wherein the means for overriding further comprises means for overriding the blocking of the display of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria if a user enters a predetermined code.
58. A method comprising:
supplying selective video signals to a video display;
blocking the supplying of video signals to the video display of television programs that meet one or more user selected program content rating criteria;
overriding the blocking of television programs that meet the user selected program content rating criteria until the shutting off of a system that displays the television programs.
59. The method of claim 58 wherein the one or more user selected program content rating criteria comprise a first plurality of program content rating criteria.
60. The method of claim 59 wherein the overriding further comprise blocking of a second plurality of the first plurality of program content rating criteria.
61. The method of claim 58 wherein the overriding is performed after a user enters a predetermined code.
62. The method of claim 58 further comprising:
storing television program schedule information including program titles for a plurality of television programs;
wherein the blocking blocks the supplying based on the television schedule information stored in the memory.
63. A method comprising:
supplying selective video signals to a video display;
blocking the supplying video signals to the video display of television programs that meet one or more of a first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria to the video display; and
overriding the blocking of television programs that meet a second plurality of user selected blocking criteria of the first plurality of user selected blocking criteria from being used to block the display of television

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programs until the shutting off of a system that displays the television programs.

64. The method of claim 63 wherein the second plurality of user selected program blocking criteria comprises the first plurality of user selected program blocking criteria.

65. The method of claim 63 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises ratings criteria.

66. The method of claim 63 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises channels.

67. The method of claim 63 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time and channel.

68. The method of claim 63 wherein the program blocking criteria comprises combinations of time, channel and length.

69. The method of claim 63 further comprising:
storing television program schedule information including
program titles for a plurality of television programs;
wherein the blocking blocks the supplying based on the
television schedule information stored in the memory.

70. The method of claim 63 wherein the overriding is performed after a user enters a predetermined code.

71. A method comprising:
storing television program schedule information for a
plurality of television programs and one or more
viewing restrictions;
generating a display of information for at least one of the
television programs from the program schedule
information for display on a video display;
accepting selections of displayed television program
information, determining if one or more of the viewing
restrictions is met for the selected television
program and blocking the display of the selected
television program based on the determination;
overriding the blocking of the display of television
programs based on one or more of the viewing
restrictions and subsequently allowing the user to

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restore the blocking of the display of television programs based on the overridden viewing restrictions.

72. The method of claim 71 wherein the overriding further subsequently allows the restoration of the blocking of the display of television programs by the shutting off of a system that performs the displaying television programs.
73. The method of claim 71 wherein the overriding further subsequently allows the restoration of the blocking of the display of television programs by pressing one or more predetermined button on a control.
74. The method of claim 71 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise one or more television programs selected by a user.
75. The method of claim 71 wherein at least one of the viewing restrictions comprise program content rating criteria.
76. The method of claim 71 wherein the overriding is performed after a user enters a predetermined code.